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From: Merchant, Bruce [MerchantB@kalamazoocity.org]

Sent: 4/28/2015 12:03:38 AM

Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]; Paul Bucholtz [bucholtzp@michigan.gov]; Hatton, Marc To:

[HattonM@kalamazoocity.org]; Wetzel, Michael C. [WetzelM@kalamazoocity.org]

Subject: RE: Allied Site New Option Questions to Elected Officials

Michael -

I received a copy on my gmail account as well so I was aware of this.

I don't believe there are any new questions or issues being raised in this letter. They seemed to be rearranged somewhat and a bit more nuianced. While I'm tempted to go through all of these and offer an answer to each one, I'm fairly certain that isn't necessary.

I believe it is very helpful to have this prior to the Thursday, April 30 meeting. I would suggest that the KRCC be publically acknowledged and thanked for their letter. In many ways, they've "teed up" the issues for you to address on Thursday night. I am a bit troubled by some of the wording and tone of some of the issues being raised but that is not unusual or unique either.

I guess I'm a bit uncertain how to suggest you address some of the concerns raised, Michael. I know some of them have not been resolved yet (i.e., ownership, etc...); however, some of them can be answered pretty directly. I think a direct, up front approach of acknowledgement of receipt of the letter, addressing key issues raised in the letter (that can be answered as of Thursday), and a commitment to continue to solicit input from the community will be helpful. I also think if you take the initiative to do this up front and prior to Denise or Gary bringing it up, it will be difficult for Denise and/or Gary to suggest their issues were not considered and/or addressed.

Just some thoughts from my perspective.

Bruce

From: Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov] Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 5:20 PM

To: Paul Bucholtz; Hatton, Marc; Merchant, Bruce; Wetzel, Michael C. Subject: FW: Allied Site New Option Questions to Elected Officials

FYI. City guys, you may have seen this already. Or maybe not.

----Original Message----

From: Denise Keele [mailto:denise.keele@wmich.edu]

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 3:22 PM

To: Karl, Richard; Berkoff, Michael; Saric, James; Russell, Diane

Cc: Gary Wager

Subject: Allied Site New Option Questions to Elected Officials

Hello Mr. Richard, Berkhoff, Saric and Ms. Russell,

On behalf of the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition, I am writing to inform you of our recent communication to our elected officials pertaining to some questions we have about the new redevelopment option and the process for amendment of the feasibility study to include this new option for the Allied Paper Superfund site in Kalamazoo.

Attached please find the letter and questions about the new proposed option we delivered to our federal, state and local elected officials today.

We look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo on Thursday.

Best, Denise (KRCC President)

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